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1. The population of Macao has dropped from 150,000 during the border incidents of 1952 to 130,000 in October 1953.¹ About 20 percent of the residents of Macao are Communist or pro-Communist; 40 percent are pro-Nationalist; and 40 percent are neutral. During 1953 Communist activities in Macao decreased and the people grew tired of Communist propaganda.² A moving picture theater which used to show only Communist films had to close down because of a lack of an audience for the movies.
2. From 1950 until 1952 Communist influence was felt throughout the Macao school system. Textbooks were modified to appease the Chinese Communists and some schools displayed the Chinese Communist flag. In 1953, however, with the lessening of Communist influence two Communist middle schools suffered decreases in enrollment. The Lingnan (7117/0589) Middle School enrollment fell from 800 to 600 and the P'eicheng (1014/2973) Middle School enrollment fell from 600 to 300. In October 1953 these schools stopped displaying the Communist flag and gave up using Communist textbooks. The Haochiang (3445/3068) Middle School is still Communist-controlled. Among non-Communist Christian schools, the Communists have their greatest influence in the P'eitao (1014/6670) Middle School. The following teachers in the P'eicheng Middle School are Communists: KUANG Pin-jen (6782/4426/0088), LIANG Han-tan (2733/1385/3225), and LIN Te-chang (2651/1795/4545).
3. The attitude of the Macao government toward Protestant churches is generally unfavorable. Recently, the flow of persons coming from the mainland has stimulated the Protestant church movement in Macao. The Communists in Macao pay little attention to the Protestants because there has been no sign of organized political activity on the part of the Protestant churches.
4. Smuggling persons from Communist China to Macao is usually done at night through Wants'ai (3494/0098) opposite Macao by sampan. The price charged for smuggling one person varies from HK \$1,800 to HK \$2,700.³ The smuggling is handled by Chinese Communists in Macao who collect the price after the person arrives in Macao.

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Comments

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1. [redacted] the population of Macao was 180,000 in September 1952. The border incidents in July were reported in [redacted]

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2. For a reported increase of Communist influence in Macao during 1952 see [redacted]

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3. For a detailed report on the methods of crossing the border see [redacted]

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